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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 5893

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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE EVACUEES RESCUED BY SHIPS OF FOREIGN REGISTRY

1. THE SWEDISH FLAG CARGO SHIP "M.S. JAPAN," OWNED BY SWEDISH EAST ASIA COMPANY OF GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN, IS DUE TO ARRIVE MANILA AT 0600 ON MAY 7, 1975. ON BOARD ARE 27 VIETNAMESE EVACUEES WHO WERE RESCUED OFF VIETNAM. GROUP CONSISTS OF ONE RVN AIR FORCE CAPTAIN, ONE RVN POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL WITH HIS FAMILY OF ELEVEN, AND FOURTEEN MISCELLANEOUS CIVILIANS. SAME 27 EVACUEES CAN BE BROKEN DOWN AS FOURTEEN FEMALES, TEN MALES AND THREE CHILDREN.

2. OF FOURTEEN MISCELLANEOUS CIVILIANS, FIVE ARE IN PROCESSING FOR IMMIGRATION TO CANADA.

3. INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, THE GENERAL AGENT FOR SWEDISH EAST ASIA IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPORTS THAT PHIL GOVT OFFICIALS WILL PERMIT SHIP TO LAND, DISCHARGE AND LOAD CARGO, BUT WILL NOT
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PERMIT ANY PASSENGERS TO DISEMBARK.

4. SHIP WILL REMAIN IN MANILA ONE DAY ONLY AND PROCEED TO HONG KONG, ARRIVES MAY 9, 1975, WILL THEN PROCEED TO JAPAN, PANAMA CANAL, BEIRUT, TRIPOLI, AND RETURN GOTHENBURG AUGUST 15, 1975.

5. WHEN ASKED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER IF U.S. PREPARED TO ACCEPT EVACUEES AS REFUGEES UNDER PAROLE PROGRAM, EMBASSY REPLIED IT DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ASSUME THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVACUEES AND SUGGESTED CONTACT GOP, SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

6. THERE MAY BE OTHER SHIPS COMING TO MANILA WHO HAVE ALSO TAKEN VIETNAMESE EVACUEES ABOARD. SHOULD SUCH SHIPS REQUEST OUR HELP, EMBASSY INTENDS TO RESPOND ON SIMILAR LINES UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY DEPT.

7. IF DEPT DETERMINES EVACUEES ON SWEDISH SHIP OR OTHERS TO COME ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN GROUP COVERED BY PAROLE AUTHORITY EXERCISE BY INS AT GUAM, WE UNDERSTAND PHIL GOVT WILL PERMIT SHIPS TO TAKE EVACUEES TO SUBIC FOR OFF-LOADING AND BE FLOWN TO GUAM FOR PROCESSING.

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